TIMES-VIRGINIAN

In The Heart of Virginia's Dark Tobacco Belt
Appomattox, Virginia
ESTABLISHED 1892

Calvin H. Robinson — — Editor and Publisher

Entered as second-class matter at the Post Office at Appomattox, Va., under Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Address all correspondence to The Times-Virginian, Appomattox, Va. Subscription Rate: $2.00 per year, payable in advance. Single copy 5c. Advertising rates upon request.

VIRGINIA PRESS ASSOCIATION

WITH OTHER EDITORS

FREEDOM SPEAKS IN ARGENTINA

(From The New York Times)

Dictators before Peron have discovered that it is very hard indeed to root out the spirit of freedom in a nation of proud and self-respecting people. It may be that Peron will succeed; but at least it can be said to the credit of the Argentine nation that he has not quite accomplished his aims — yet. The throttling of La Prensa, one of the world's great newspapers, was a very long step in this direction. But in Argentina, alongside La Prensa, there has been one other independent journal of major importance, La Nacion. Since the silencing of La Prensa it has been the only significant representative of a free press in Buenos Aires and it is to La Nacion alone that the free world can look as the standard-bearer of liberty in Peron's domain. La Nacion has been true to its trust.

Despite threats that it may suffer La Prensa's fate, La Nacion has steadfastly refused to be wrapped in the protective blanket that would smother every venture of untrammeled thought and expression in Argentina. And now that the Argentine Congress has actually voted to expropriate La Prensa, La Nacion, with great courage, has forthrightly denounced the action and has labored with a stirring defense of freedom of the press.

No one would have believed that so unconstitutional a procedure could have taking place in Argentina, it said, "but nevertheless, we find ourselves confronted with a fait accompli. A great voice has been silenced, but its echo will continue vibrating in the hearts of all those who love liberty." The experience of other Latin-American countries, La Nacion added, teaches us that acts of such a nature never have lasting effects. Sooner or later justice prevails * * * and wrong is rightedd." Perhaps La Nacion has sealed its own fate with these words. But if it goes down it will go down —as did La Prensa before it—with flying colors, and we are confident that it will rise again.

A WAYSIDE PARK INTRODUCES MOTORISTS TO VIRGINIA

(The Baltimore Sun)

Motorists moving southward on U. S. 340 approach the Potomac River bridge at Sandy Hook, Washington County, on a down grade and between high banks. Suddenly they reach the river and some of the finest scenery in Maryland. To the right, a mile or two away, the Shenandoah and Potomac rivers meet. Harpers Ferry can be seen clinging precariously and somewhat wearily to the sides of its mountain location. Mountains rise up on either side from the Potomac's edge.

It would be a great place to stop and look. But motorists are cautioned not to tarry on the bridge. And while the Maryland State Roads Commission has provided what it might call a turnout for automobiles, the spot is wholly inadequate, poorly equipped and without markings. Many motorists undoubtedly miss it entirely.

However, where Maryland has fallen down, Virginia has accepted the challenge. Just across the bridge, where the Maryland line ends (and is so noted) and Virginia begins, there is a wayside park. It will accommodate five or six automobiles. It has a few picnic tables. It is spick and span. It is the first wayside park a motorist will see between Baltimore and the south end of Virginia's side of the Blue Ridge.

We offer no lesson from these comments. It is just that old story again. Virginia and other states are doing special and fine things in highways. Maryland has a few but only a few. It is our hope that its road-building program will soon afford opportunity to provide the tourists who are paying the bills something more than good roads.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ADOPTS A SOUND POLICY

(From The Atlanta Journal)

It is unsound policy to concentrate the majority of the nation's outstanding young men in any one of the branches of the military service. The failure of this principle was learned thoroughly in World War II.

As Defense Secretary George C. Marshall points out, the grouping of potential outstanding leaders and technicians in any one branch of the service is detrimental to the general efficiency of the armed forces.

Hence, the Defense Department has ordered the armed services to start using a quota system on May 1, for volunteers and draftees to insure each branch a share of the brighter recruits.

This distribution of talent is several years overdue. It should have been initiated in World War II. Though late in being put into effect, it is unquestionably a strong step toward increasing the overall efficiency and thus the effectiveness of our armed forces.

AGENTS TO HEAR PEST CONTROL DISCUSSIONS

Recent developments in pest control and in control of insects and diseases in flower and vegetable gardens, will be discussed at a district meeting of county farm and home agents in Lynchburg April 27.

The specialists from the state Extension staff at V. P. I. who will lead the discussions are S. B. Fenne, J. M. Amos and Dr. J. O. Rowell.

Purpose of the discussion is to train agents who later will train farmers and homemakers in their home counties.

A program planning session on the 4-H Club entomology project also is planned.

At another district meeting of agents April 20 in Luray, Miss Maude E. Wallace, assistant director of the Extension Service at V. P. I., will be among the guest speakers. She will discuss "Public Relations as it Applies to Extension Personnel."

Soviet Aims to reduce [illegible] the output of oil.

Tito bids for arms if war in [illegible] general.

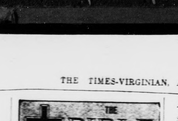
Immigration rush is now past in Venezuela.

TUNE IN 870 on your dial **WFLO**

For The APPOMATTOX HOUR

10:30 to 11 A. M. Every Tuesday & Friday

Sponsored by leading "Appomattox Merchants & Bank"



SCRIPTURE READING 14-15. Devotional Reading: Psalm 19:7-14.

God In a Nation

Lesson for April 22, 1951

WHEN IS GOD IN THE LIFE of a nation?

It depends on what you mean by the question. God is the Ruler of all nations and Judge of them all. But the nations have been far more conscious of the true God's existence than they have.

Dr. Foreman

• • •

God's Name on Paper

God's name is inscribed often. But not much for very much on a piece of paper. If there is no constitution, the monarch may be said to rule by divine right.

But such things may be no better than formal. The money can pass from wicked hand to wicked hand. It can be used for godless purposes by men who do not have God in all their thoughts. The name of God in public ceremonies such as oaths of office or in the constitution may mean no more than decorative designs on a letter-head. The king ruling by "divine" right may be a cruel and corrupt man.

Religious-sounding songs, such as "God Bless America" or "God Save the King" can be sung by rascals. No, God in a nation's life must be more than a name on paper, green or white.

• • •

God in Great Men

GOD BEGINS to get into the life of a nation when He gets into the lives of people. He gets into the parsagng the common man to point out the plain fact that as between one believer in God who is obscure and another who is prominent and powerful, the latter means more in the long-run life of a nation.

It was so in the era of Moses. That was a time of religious confusion, just as it is today. Doubtless there were many humble persons at that time who had a living faith. But it was not until God used Moses, the nation of Israel would never have been a nation, but would have shrunk back into the race of little no-account tribes, never to be heard from again. When we hear that even Moses' own brother was so stupid or bad as to lead the people in worshiping a gold-plated calf, we can imagine what the masses of the people were like.

If the United States and Canada can be called Christian nations today, it is because we can point to men on both sides of the line who have been not only high-calibre, influential men, but also men not ashamed of their faith in God.

An American congressman who is respected by friendly opponents alike, has said it is more important to him to know what God wants than what his constituents want. Most governors have a definite religion, and some of the best of them practice it. What America would have been without such men, one can only guess; certainly far worse than it is.

• • •

God in Laws and Lives

GOD CAN also be in a nation's laws. It is true, we cannot run a modern nation or municipality on the laws of Leviticus, and nobody wants to, not even the preachers and rabbis. Still, the laws of a land either reflect the will of God or they do not. So it is that the laws of a nation are in line with the teachings and truth of Christ, so far God is in the life of that nation.

But the question is not finally: What do the laws prescribe, but do the people respect the laws? God does not get deeply into the life of a nation until He gets into the homes of high and low alike.

If the nation of Israel ever became godly, they had Moses to thank; yet he himself was under no illusions as to the people he left behind him. "I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you." (Deut. 31: 29.)

It took centuries of toil and patience on the part of God and His prophets to change Israel from a nation mostly indifferent to God, to a people mostly God-fearing; and the change took place only as homes changed.

Is our Christian nation today? The answer is not in our constitution, not in our leading men, not in our history or laws or traditions; the answer is in our homes. When the cry goes up "Back to God!" the place to start back, and the place that counts most, is our homes.

Copyright 1951 by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Released by WNU Features.

APPLE MARKET SURVEY UNDERWAY

Over 250 apple growers in 39 Virginia counties are being contacted for information on market outlets used in selling the 1950 apple crop, says Cecil N. Smith, associate agricultural economist at Virginia Experiment Station.

Smith says information is wanted on the total amount of apples harvested by varieties, the amount packed in closed containers, the amount sold to the processor, and the amount sold to the fresh market unpacked.

The information is needed, he said, to map a marketing research program aimed ultimately at improved marketing practices in the apple area.

He explains that the large 1950 apple crop has been slow in moving to market, that Virginia consumption of apples has decreased, the one important foreign market has all but disappeared, and that apples from other states are giving Virginia growers keen competition for the domestic market. Improved selling practices would solve some of the problems, he says.

Concurrent studies are going on in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. The results, when analyzed, will apply to the entire region, Agricultural Experiment Stations in the participating states and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, are cooperating.

After the market outlet surveys, tentative plans call for a study of the comparative net returns for fruit sold to the processor and that sold to fresh market outlets. Consideration will be given to variations in variety, quality, and methods of handling. A cost of production study is being contemplated at the station.

ARTIST EXHIBITIONS IN RICHMOND

Works by 110 artists will be on display in "Virginia Artists, 1951," the biennial exhibition to be held from April 27 through June 3 at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond.

A total of 168 oils, watercolors, prints, drawings, pieces of sculpture, ceramics, metal work and textiles were chosen by the three-man Jury of Selection composed of Hermann Williams, Jr., Director of the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C., chairman and New York artists Peppino Mangravite and Stuart Davis.

"The fact that 349 artists born, reared or living in the state have submitted 933 objects for this exhibition as compared to the 250 artists who sent in 654 entries for the last biennial showing in 1949, indicates the growing importance and need for this type of exhibition in Virginia," Museum Director Leslie Cheek, Jr., pointed out in announcing the works accepted by the jury.

Physicians in session take note of gains made last year

N & W ANNOUNCES IMPROVEMENT

A three and [illegible] dollar track improvement between Lick Branch and W. Va., was announced by Norfolk and Western. The present track will be replaced with the rolling grade reduction of two per cent to 1.5 per cent, permitting, along the line of main lines [illegible] Bluefield, W. Va.

The project is a [illegible] reconstruction work [illegible] from Cooper to Lick [illegible] included the 7.16 per cent tracked Elkhorn Tunnel. The completion of the project [illegible] $12,000,000.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
OF LYNCHBURG
AND
FORT HILL BRANCH
Lynchburg Virginia
ORGANIZED 1865
CAPITAL . . . $1,000,000.00
OFFICERS
J. D. Owen, President
J. T. Noell, Jr., Vice-President
J. L. Jones, Vice-President
J. L. Nicholas, Cashier
L. W. Horton, Assistant Cashier
S. D. Morriss, Assistant Cashier
T. R. Hawes, Assistant Cashier
H. P. Bailey, Assistant Cashier
A. A. Haskins, Assistant Cashier
Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

UNSURPASSED
in the ½- to 2-ton truck field!

TALK about power! These great new GMC's are unsurpassed in horsepower in the ½- to 2-ton field—power to keep hauling years longer! But new engines are only part of the story.

From the rims up, these GMC's are truck-engineered to stay young throughout the uncertain years ahead. You get proof in feature after feature from individual models—things like wider Twin-Action hydraulic brakes, heavier axles and longer "pillow-action" springs.

Yet extra quality is standard GMC equipment. You pay no "extras" for such things as easy-turn steering with recirculating ball-bearing action, the Venti-pane-controlled ventilation of the Weathersealed "Six-Footer" Cab, Turbo-Top pistons that develop higher power without "knock" *even when using standard-grade gasolines!*

So come in. Select from the widest range of engine-body-chassis combinations, 9 smart new colors. Drive one in a rugged '51 GMC! You'll know it will take you farther, cost less to run *because it's built to last like the big ones!*

Get a real truck!

GMC
GASOLINE & DIESEL TRUCKS
½ TO 20 TONS

LIGHT • MEDIUM • HEAVY MODELS
Made in a wide variety of engine-body-chassis combinations to fit every trucking need

PRICE'S GARAGE
Route 460 Pamplin, Va.

...better on a used truck with your GMC dealer

Results of Garden Club Flower Show

Sweep takes winner in "Spring-time in Appomattox," the flower show sponsored by the Appomattox Garden Club on April 11 and 15 was won by Beulah Ferrell, with Mrs. S. E. Shouse the runner-up. Mrs. T. J. Richardson won the greatest number of points for the horticultural classes.

The tri-color award for the most outstanding arrangement in the show went to Mrs. Alfred Harwood.

Judges for the show were Mrs. O. Utt, Mrs. A. S. Pattison, Mrs. J. E. Dillon and Mrs. C. B. Feagans, all of Lynchburg. A Roanoke florist entered an exhibit of daffodils which were not in competition, and there were conservation, garden implements and lawn furniture by business concerns.

The Junior Garden Club, under the direction of Miss Flora Belle Williams had an interesting display and arrangements featuring the themes of Mother Goose Rhymes. The first grade, with Mrs. K. C. Gregory as teacher, won the first place in this exhibit in the primary grades; the fourth grade, with Mrs. Annie Caldwell as teacher won first place for the upper elementary grades.

Mrs. Frank Carr was general chairman for the show. Other committee chairmen were: Mrs. C. D. Staples, chairman of schedule and publication; Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr., and Mrs. W. W. Burke, chairmen of staging; Mrs. Newton Jennings, chairman of hospitality; Mrs. A. B. Harwood, Jr., chairman of publicity.

The winners of the horticultural classes were:

Specimen Narcissi, Mrs. S. S. Shouse.

Collection of five flowers of spring bulbs, Mrs. T. M. Richardson.

Specimen Tulip, Mrs. S.S. Shouse.

Collection of three varieties of tulips, Mrs T. M. Richardson.

Collection of 3 flowering fruit, Mrs. Howard Jamison.

Collection of 3 varieties of spring flowers, Mrs. A. R. Harwood,

African Violets:

Single white, Mrs. R. W. Stanley.

Light blue, Mrs. DeWitt Evans.

Single pink, Mrs. W. P. Ferrell.

Double blue, Mrs. K. C. Gregory.

Dark blue, Mrs. K. C. Gregory.

Novelty varieties, Mrs. K. C. Gregory.

House Plants:

Snake Plant, Mrs. T. M. Richardson.

Series, Mrs. Reggie Stanley.

Philodendron, Miss Flora Belle Williams.

Flowering plant, Miss Gertrude Mason.

Arrangement class:

Spring breakfast table, Mrs. R. C. Bibard.

Composition "Spring Loveliness," Mrs. R. C. Hubbard.

Composition—Book Theme, Mrs. F. Carr.

Composition for hall table, Mrs. R. Harwood, Jr.

An arrangement designed to enhance the beauty of a particular flower, Mrs. K. C. Gregory.

Composition— featuring weather-

ed wood as container, Mrs. C. D. Staples.

Branches in motion, Mrs. S. S. Shouse.

Composition using a figurine as center of interest, Mrs. S. S. Shouse.

Mass arrangement of spring flowers—to one who has never won a blue ribbon in a flower show, Miss Beulah Ferrell.

Mineature composition in demitasse cup, Mrs. Jessie Carwile.

Pitcher arrangement not over 9 inches, Mrs. eature garden in bread [illegible]on, Miss Beulah Ferrell.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, April 17.- The Vera P.-T. A. held its regular meeting at the school Thursday night. After the business session, the children entertained with two parades; the first a hat parade by both girls and boys, won by Hazel Grisham for the girls, and Phillip Scruggs for the boys; and a ukelele contest in which six participated and which was won by Leon Bryant.

Dinner guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gunter were Mr. and Mrs. James MacKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Robertson.

Volney Garrett, of Blackstone, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrett.

Mrs. Lyle Davidson and son left for their home in Columbus, Ohio, Friday after spending several weeks in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reynolds.

STATE BENEFITS BY LOWER PRICES

Ceiling prices have saved the State of Virginia $6,000 on its quarterly purchases of soap, which would run to a savings of $24,000 a year, W. P. Bailey, Regional Director of the Office of Price Stabilization, pointed out today.

Baily was quoting a statement of the Division of Purchase and Printing, which also listed comparable savings in other items purchased by the State of Virginia.

The statement, issued by A. B. Gathright, of the State purchase office, said that lower prices in most lines became apparent when bids accepted this month were checked against three months ago—when the general freeze order of the Office of Price Stabilization went into effect.

WADDLING WEEDERS USED IN VIRGINIA

A goose in a strawberry patch is becoming a common sight in Virginia these days.

Bruce Aroian, associate horticulturist at V. P. I., says many growers are turning to geese to take some of the work and expense out of weeding strawberries.

Although there are still some questions to be answered — and a goose in a strawberry patch is not yet on the official recommended list — the waddling weeders have some advantages, Aroian says.

For instance some growers have estimated that eight geese in a two-acre field will replace one man working one-half to two-thirds of the time during the growing season. Geese are generally kept in the fields that will be fruiting until the berries begin to ripen, and they are taken out until after the berry harvest.

For the most part geese are used in new strawberry plantings K in fields where strawberries have just been set out. Three to four geese per acre are normally used.

Most growers erect two - inch mesh portable fence about 20 inches high supported by stakes around the planting. The fence is erected at plant setting time.

Another requirement is a simple range shelter, consisting of four posts with crossbars to support boards or straw, for shade during hot weather. Plenty of drinking water and a daily ration of a small amount of shelled corn also should be provided.

Geese seemingly prefer crab grass, one of the worst problems in most strawberry plantings, but also will work on pig weed, saw briar, parsley, and almost any other weed, particularly when the week growth is small and succulent.

One of the strawberry growers in Virginia who has had some success with the feathered weeders is J. W. McLeod, of Gretet, who has been trying six geese in a two - acre field, and who voices intentions of expanding the feathered weeding operation to the remainder of his seven-acre planting.

There have been some failures—some reports of damage to berry foliage—but Aroian believes the failures may have been caused when the grower neglected to provide the correct ration and other of the listed needs.

RAIL SHIPMENT OF EGGS NEAR VANISHING POINT

The shipment of eggs by railroad has declined to almost the vanishing point during the past five years, says D. U. Livermore, poultry marketing specialist at V. P. I.

He says railroads probably hauled less than 2,000,000 cases of eggs during 1906, compared with 4,500,000 in 1949, and 13,500,000 in 1948.

With the end war-time shortages affecting highway transport, rail traffic in eggs began its downward trend. In 1946 about 15 per cent of eggs produced on farms were shipped by rail. This figure dropped to 3 per cent in 1949; and there are indications that the 1950 volume was even smaller.

Livermore says the reasons for the decline are more than simply a gradual acceptance by some shippers of the greater convenience of trucks. Mounting damage claims, and changes in the regulations governing damage claims, stimulated the shift. Until mid-1948, rail carriers accepted almost full liability for damage to eggs as result of breakage, delays in transit, or failure to provide adequate protection. In July of that year, however, a new regulation provided that, in some cases, carriers' liability would be limited to losses above the first 5 per cent of the damage of some car lot egg shipments.

At the same time the shift between carriers has taken place, changes in the location of egg production, relative to population have reduced the proportion of eggs that are hauled long distances. The Pacific Coast states have not shipped large quantities of eggs to the eastern markets since the late 1930's, and Utah shipments to Atlantic Coast cities have fallen off sharply in the last three or four years.

Seven dies of heart attack, at the age of 70.

Ridgeway in Japan, reassures the people of policy continuation.

U. N. units beat off blows by the Chinese.

Britain declares opposition to quitting Korea.

Role of executive sustained by Senator Ives (R., N. Y.)

Skyline League

We are informed that manager J. C. Caldwell of the Appomattox Skyline baseball team, plans to use a home talent team this season so far as possible. Leading home-town players include: Vernell Mitchell, Ed Cawthorne, Maymond Mitchell, Shearer Robertson, Charlie Mitchell and Sam Ferguson.

The make-up of the Skyline ball league has not yet been completed. Altavista and Appomattox are the only two certain starters.

N & W VETERANS ASSOCIATION MEETING

About 2,500 members of the Norfolk and Western Veterans Association will gather in Roanoke on May 19 for their fifteenth annual meeting. The date became definite today when Association officials were assured by the railway's transportation department that there would be adequate equipment available.

Active and retired N. & W. employees with 20 or more years of service each year travel from all parts of the system for a one-day get-together.

Baseball Game At Cumberland

The next scheduled game for the Appomattox High School baseball team is a meeting with Cumberland High School on April 24. The game is scheduled for Cumberland, the first meeting between these two teams having been played here with Cumberland winning.

Pamplin Town Baseball Team

The Pamplin town baseball team has several practice games under its belt and is looking forward to the opening of its regular schedule, Woodrow Williams is manager of the Pamplin team. The ball diamond at Pamplin has been put into first class playing condition.

Lynchburg Cardinals return from annual spring training in Albany, Ga., and prepare for opening of the Piedmont League.

Uncle Sam Says

"It's Your Freedom—Protect It! What can you do in times like these but teamwork which welds an effective defense force. Teamwork means a strong America. Savings Bonds are now Defense Bonds and your purchase of these bonds is doing your part in building a strong, financial America. Buy them and buy them regularly through the Payroll Savings Plan where you work or the Bond-A-Month Plan at your bank.

U. S. Treasury Department

Here's Extra Value for that important Spring Oil Change

More miles per quart
Less "make-up" oil needed!

Even at highest engine temperatures ESSO EXTRA MOTOR OIL keeps its lubricating body *better than any other oil!* That means longer mileage per quart—with less add-a-quart expense between changes!

And fast-flowing Esso Extra contains a special detergent to guard against those gummy carbon and varnish deposits that rob your engine of power. Esso Extra Motor Oil works every minute to protect your engine. JUST TRY IT!

CHANGE NOW!

It's extra important these days to give that hard-working engine the best of care. It deserves the protection of full-bodied, long lasting Spring-grade Esso Extra Motor Oil.

COPR. 1951, ESSO STD. OIL CO.

MORE Spring Specials for your car!

POWER your car with Spring-grade ANTI-STALLING ESSO EXTRA GASOLINE . . . amazing anti-stall quality for those damp and chilly days.

GUARD friction spots with wear-protecting, long lasting Esso Lubricants. Up to 9 special grades used for different parts.

SURE starting calls for Atlas Heavy-Duty Batteries, above S. A. E. standards in starting power and battery life.

ENJOY all the extra driving conveniences at the Esso Sign . . . and remember, there are more Esso Dealer stations than any other brand in the area we serve.

Esso
ESSO STANDARD OIL COMPANY

WE'VE SAID IT BEFORE . . . WE PROVE IT AGAIN . . .
You get something MORE at your Happy Motoring Store!

LeGrand's Esso Station
Route 460
Esso
For Prompt Courteous Service

Webb's Esso Station
Route 460
Esso
For Quality Esso Service